

Epistle (Apostolos)

The Epistle Book is divided into three parts. The first part holds the Epistles for the period of the Resurrection Season, the Pentecost Season, and the Triodion Season. The second part carries the Epistles for the Feasts of the Menaion. The third part holds Epistles for different occasions.

Basic Rules:

- For all practical purpose, we should read the Epistle of the first part of the book. However, the Typicon of St. Sabbas allows for the addition of the Menaion Epistle from the second part. (This rule is not actively practiced.) The Typicon of Bishop Reza and that of Constantinople prescribe that on a Menaion Feast of first, second, third and some fourth class Feasts the Epistle from the second part is read.
- There are special Epistles to be read on certain Saturdays and Sundays of the year from the second part.

Saturday and Sunday preceding and following the following Feasts:

1. Exaltation of the holy Cross
2. Nativity of Our Lord
3. Theophany of Our Lord

Sundays falling between the following dates:

1. October 11 and 17
 2. December 11 and 17
 3. July 13 and 19
- A different schedule of Epistles is used According to the number of Sundays between the Sunday following the Theophany of Our Lord and the beginning of the Triodion. (Epistle: 33rd. After Pentecost)

Number of Sundays between the Sunday following the Theophany of Our Lord and the Triodion:

1. One Sunday: 33rd. After Pentecost
2. Two Sundays: 29th and 32nd After Pentecost
3. Three Sundays: 29th, 32nd, and 17th After Pentecost
4. Four Sundays: 29th, 31st, 32nd, and 17th After Pentecost

N.B. These are the basic rules, there are many other sub-rules and exceptions that CyberTypicon will manage directly for you.